



COMMISSION ON AGING

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Minutes
January 27, 2014

PRESIDING: Peter Brunner, Chair

Members Attending

Deborah Adler
Peter Brunner
Barbara Catlin
Roxanne Farrar
Deborah Fleischmann
Julia Mattis
Ted Meyerson
Eletta Morse
Sang K. Shin
Laureen Wylie

Not Present

Rick McCray
Andrew Monjan
Carolyn Rimes
Sharonlee Vogel

Office on Aging

Dayna Brown

Guests

Atal Eralp
Susan Hailman
Bob McLaughlin

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

The meeting began with a moment of silence in remembrance of victims of the Columbia Mall Shooting.

Peter Brunner began the meeting by asking the guests to introduce themselves. Susan Hailman and Bob McLaughlin are both potential commission members. Atal Eralp is a community member interested in aging issues in Howard County.

Approve Agenda

Barbara Catlin moved to accept the agenda and Laureen Wylie seconded the motion. Motion was approved. *All in favor. Agenda accepted.*

Approve Minutes

Julia Mattis moved to accept the minutes and Barbara Catlin seconded the motion. Motion was approved. *All in favor. Minutes accepted.*

Review of Retreat Notes

Attendees discussed the notes from the September 2012 retreat and identified possible focus areas for the Commission in the next year. Attached is a list of individual priority areas.

During the discussion of the retreat notes, Ted Meyerson moved that the Commission take on implementation of advanced directive day programming. Barbara Catlin seconded the motion and all were in favor. Ted will head a work group which will include Barbara Catlin, Eletta Morse, Julia Mattis, Debbie Fleischmann, and Lauren Wylie. Peter Brunner also tasked this group with examining other projects the COA may choose to be involved in as a result of the review of retreat notes.

Members will continue discussion of the retreat notes and related Commission priorities at the next meeting.

COA Role in the Budget Process

Peter shared a handout he created on the Office on Aging budget. The Commission discussed their desire to be more involved in the budget process. Commissioners agreed that to be more involved in the process, they would need a better understanding of the Office on Aging budget as well as the budget process. Several commissioners felt that the Commission's role was less in helping to determine the details of the budget and more in advocacy. To make sure Commissioners are well informed on the budget, the Office will prepare a budget presentation for the February meeting.

Office on Aging Report Master Plan

The Office of Purchasing is in negotiations with the consultant the review team chose. Hopefully the contract will be in place by the end of February.

Center Updates

The renovations at the Ellicott City Annex are on schedule.

Both the Bain Center and the North Laurel Community Center have been dealing with burst pipes due to the cold weather. Centers experienced limited closures due to the resulting work.

Weather closings have been rough on senior centers and plus programs this weekend. The Office is looking at whether or not following the school system's closing schedule is the best practice.

The Office is on the review team to select an architect to design the new ElkrIDGE library and senior center. The review team is set to meet before the Commission's next meeting, so more information should be available at the February meeting.

Office of Consumer Affairs

Dayna presented a request from the Office of Consumer Affairs to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss scams seniors commonly face and to address any questions the Commission may have. Commissioners chose to invite Consumer Affairs to the April meeting, and will email any questions they would like addressed to Jennie Rittenhouse.

July Meeting

The Commission's regularly scheduled July meeting conflicts with the beginning of Ramadan and will be rescheduled to the third Monday in July.

Workgroup Updates and Discussion

COA Summit

The January meeting of Summit workgroups had to be postponed due to weather. Small groups are currently working on planning a speaker series, exploring intergenerational programming, and looking at improvements to the COA/OOA website.

Legislative Breakfast

No update

May Education Event

Laureen Wylie reported that the group is still determining who the speaker for the May event will be. After a speaker is determined, a date will be finalized.

Candidates Forum

Ted Meyerson reminded the Commission that there will be a Candidates Forum in September, after the primaries. Commission members felt one event which would incorporate both candidates for County Council and the County Executive positions would be sufficient.

Adjournment

Ted Meyerson motioned to adjourn. Laureen Wylie seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Rittenhouse

Next Meeting: February 24, 2014, Ellicott City Senior Center, 7pm